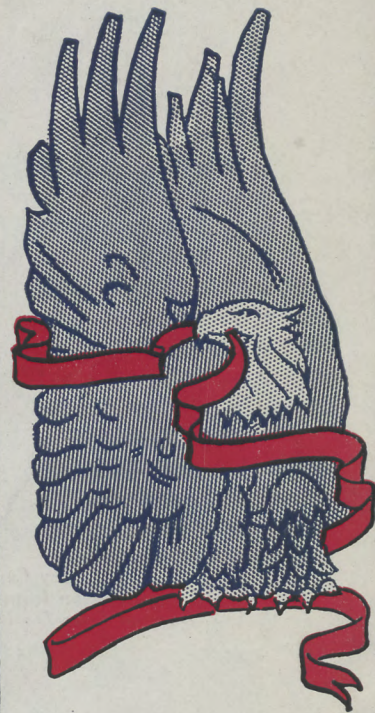


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Jewish Heroes of the Year!

*Some Have Given Their Lives,
Others Are Still in Action, But
All Have Won Glory as
Democracy's Defenders*



Sergeant Meyer Levin
Distinguished Flying Cross
"Colin Kelly's Bombardier"



Sergeant Lester Kramer
Distinguished Flying Cross
"Flight to Manila"



Ensign Stanley Caplan
Commendation from Knox
"Downed Four Jap Planes"



Lieutenant Henry Mark
Distinguished Service Cross
"Met Death in a Rice Field"



Private Leonard York receives congratulations from Brig. Gen. Julius Ochs Adler, left, assistant commander of 6th motorized division, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., who presented him with the Purple Heart Medal for downing a Jap plane with a machine gun. York was wounded in the action. At the right is Lt. Col. R. W. Broedlow, 20th infantry regiment.

These are some of the men historians will remember when the final story of the conflict is written. They are the American fighters of Jewish faith who sunk battleships and submarines, fought the enemy in the skies, held out heroically at Bataan and on Corregidor. For Lieutenant Henry Mark and Private Louis Schleifer, the fighting is done. They were killed in the early days of the war—Mark while rushing across an open rice field with a load of hand grenades intended for an enemy machine-gun nest, and Schleifer while attempting to wheel a plane into a hanger during the attack on Hickam Field, Hawaii. But while there are soldiers like Levin to hammer Jap battlewagons from the heavens, and sailors like Caplan to fight them on the seas, Mark and Schleifer will not have died in vain.

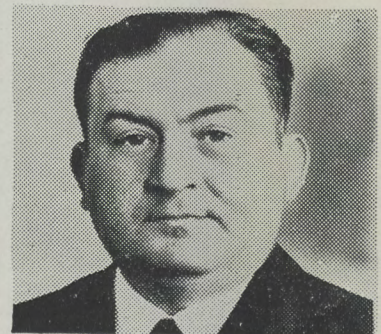
These are only nine. There are many others. Fighters like Sergeant Mitchell Cohen, who earned the Order of the Purple Heart for bravery under fire; Radioman David Goodman, winner of the Oak Leaf Cluster for his part in the mosquito-boat escape of General MacArthur from Corregidor to Australia; Ensign Ira Jeffrey, who gave his life while maintaining, by hand, an ammunition supply to the anti-aircraft guns of the USS California.

The roll of honor is long. American fighting men of Jewish faith are piling up a record of heroic service, some receiving distinguished service awards for bravery under fire, others losing their lives in action—all fighting staunchly in the service of their country.

(Based on records and photos submitted by the National Jewish Welfare Board)



Lieutenant Morris N. Friedman
Distinguished Flying Cross, Silver Star
"Bravery in the Philippines"



Lt. Commander Solomon S. Isquith
Navy Cross
"Saved Crew of USS Utah"



Lieutenant Gabriel Frumkin
"Downed Five Jap Planes"



Private Louis Schleifer
Silver Star
"Tried to Save Plane"

"GREATER LOVE HATH NO MAN"

The Jews of this city abhor publicity of their race even though it may be to point out their record in the present world crisis. In this characteristic of modesty they are a typical segment of the Jews everywhere.

Whether his habitat be the United States, Europe or any of the other portions of the known world, the average Jew only wishes to be allowed to conduct his business and bring up his family in peace and concord with his neighbors.

Here in Lawrence the picture is every day becoming clearer, sharper and more glorious. Here traditions are being not only upheld but surpassed. Here the men and women of Hebrew ancestry are once more covering themselves, their city, and their race with glory that will last through this generation and the next and even unto the end of time.

In the first World War, so-called, that of 1917-1918, one of the first local boys to die in the service of the United States armed forces was Joe Ravich. Joe was a clean manly youngster, well known to the citizens of that portion of Lawrence known as the Plains or 'Cross-the-Spicket. In fact one of the bridges across the Spicket River bears a plaque commemorating Joe's unselfish and untimely demise while a soldier defending his beloved land. Today, in this war for God, two of Joe's brothers are in the service of Old Glory.

Sixty boys of Jewish descent were numbered amongst those who went forth from this city in 1917-1918 to fight for Democracy in that first World War. Like Joe Ravich, some of them never returned alive; others who did return were broken in body and spirit, some even with lead still in their bodies, poison gas in their stomachs and lungs, and destined never to recover full use of their physical faculties.

In this present World War already there are over 100 Lawrence young men of Jewish origin in the service of the United States armed forces. With those earmarked to go in June that figure will be boosted to approximately 120 Jewish boys from Lawrence fighting for their country.

And make no mistake about it, these Jewish boys can and do fight!

In this World War, the first evidence of that came with the return, unheralded and unsung, of Private First Class Walter Silverwatch of this city on April 15th. Here is what the reporter said of that morning:

"A smiling white-faced boy with a scarred chin and the suggestion of a limp, stepped off the Boston train at the Central station Wednesday morning and gazed around at the smoky platform as if it were the most beautiful place in the world. 'Gee, it's great to be home,' he said softly.

"He was Private (first class) Walter Silverwatch, air mechanic in the U. S. Army Air Corps. Wounded by machine-gun fire at Pearl Harbor on December 7, he is the first Lawrence soldier of World War II to come home. He was running for his plane in the Hickam Field hangar when he was peppered by the bullets of a Jap flyer.

"A modest hero, the Lawrence boy, who enlisted in the Army Air Corps two years and ten months ago came home WITH THE PURPLE HEART DECORATION hidden in some pocket or in his wallet. He received the Purple Heart decoration 'for bravery under fire' and a citation from Brigadier General H. C. Davidson, commanding officer of the U. S. Army Air Corps."

Yes, these boys of Hebrew origin know how to fight!

President's New Years Greetings

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 1, 1942

Upon the occasion of the Jewish New Year, I extend to the Jewish people of America my heartfelt greetings. The tragic turn of events which has temporarily left many peoples of the world suffering under the harsh domination of foreign dictators has stirred America to the depths and has strengthened our resolution that there shall be no compromise in the struggle against hate, intolerance and bigotry.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

The second casualty list of the present war issued by the U. S. Navy contained the name of Sergeant Mitchell Cohen, U. S. Marine Corps, of 85 Tremont street, this city, who was one of six Massachusetts heroes singled out by the Navy department for the AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART, acknowledging their heroism in the battle of the Philippines.

Sergeant Cohen was a member of the force that maintained the stubborn defense at Corregidor against vastly superior numbers of Japanese. No confirmation of his capture has been received by members of the family.

The heroism of the Jewish race is daily being written in blood on every battlefield in the world and nowhere is their record more glorious than in defense of this country of ours.

In the wave of anti-Semitism that seems to have engulfed the Jews of the conquered countries of Europe there is no vestige of reason why we should have any such "hymn of hate" in this land of the free and home of the brave.

We should look well to those who would breed hatred amongst us, who would have us fight, neighbor against neighbor, brother against brother, race against race. Let us examine well the background of those who whisper fantastic charges in the night-time and seek the security of their homes in the light of the day.

Behind their campaign of calumny and hatred of the Jewish people you will find inferiority complexes, jealousies, and intolerance. And with these their inevitable cowardice, treachery and incompetence.

When next you are a patient listener to one of those anti-Semitic tirades remember, if you will please, 60 Jewish boys from Lawrence who were in this country's armed forces in 1917-1918, 120 who are in the present cataclysm.

And this is all the more remarkable when you realize that in 1917-1918 the Hebrew population in Lawrence was about 5000 while the most optimistic give 3500 as the number of persons of Hebrew origin in our fair city at the present time.

In other words there are twice as many Jewish boys from Lawrence in the armed forces of this country now as there was in 1917-1918 World War and still the local Jewish population is only slightly more than HALF WHAT IT WAS during the first World War.

"Greater love hath no man than to give his life for his friend."—"The Bee," Lawrence, Mass., John H. McAuliffe, Ed. and Publisher.)

2 Give Sub Chaser to Canada

Canada's expanding navy received a new sub-chaser, the gift of Samuel Bronfman and J. Simard. The vessel is 110 feet long and will carry a crew of twenty-six.

Jewish Soldiers in Western Desert Sacrifice Lives To Free Commander

Jerusalem (JTA)—The quick thinking and bravery of two Jewish soldiers in the Western Desert who sacrificed their lives to save their commander was lauded this week by the British officer who escaped the Nazis through their efforts.

The officer told the Jewish Agency that he, together with three soldiers who had volunteered, two of whom were Jews, were sent on a secret, dangerous mission somewhere in the Western Desert. When the group of four arrived at the location to which they had been sent, they found themselves surrounded by a German unit which was obviously waiting for them. Somewhere along the line there had been a leak, and the four walked into a trap.

Refusing to surrender, the British officer and his three companions engaged in hand-to-hand fighting with the Nazis but the odds were overwhelming and they saw that there was no hope of escape. At the last moment the two Jewish soldiers threw hand grenades at their attackers, but at such close quarters that they were killed together with many of the Germans. The third member of the group was also killed in the course of the fighting. In the commotion that followed upon the explosion of the grenades, however, the officer succeeded in escaping.

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Happy New Year

Our next year would be happier for all of us, if we'd stop a moment and "add up our score." Item No. 1 on every American's program *should* be to *give* and *do* his utmost to help WIN THE WAR. Everything else this year is secondary. Take an inventory. Are you satisfied that you're doing YOUR just share for Victory? Can't you do just a little more? What a personal satisfaction it will be to know that you have a part in our ultimate victory. There is nothing we know of could make your New Year happier. And we wish you the best!

Wake Up—It's Late!

Many of us are living in a "fool's paradise." Baseball, golf, movies, card playing, week-ending, vacations are "as usual." It seems to be "today we live and tomorrow we die." What is necessary to awaken us to a realization of how perilous is our situation? Can't we see through the headlines that the United Nations have been and still are losing the war on every front? That we're simply salving our hopes by telling ourselves that we've been in the war only eight months, and we really haven't started to fight yet. Has it ever occurred to you that we might lose the war before we do get started? Can we afford such a risk? Have you stopped to consider what would happen to your baseball and movies and vacations if the Axis should win? The mere thought is enough to make you shudder. Think of the millions of Europeans now slaving in Nazi war factories. Think of the starving Greeks. Think of the Dutch hostages being put to death nightly. If you need a grim reminder, look at the lists of American young men being drafted daily. Look at the service flags in the homes on your block. Think of the 5,000,000 Americans who are already in there fighting on 30 different fronts. And we face much worse this winter. Don't you think it's time we pull ourselves together and get down to the main business of winning this war. Are you waiting for a bombing here to wake you up? Forget about your usual comforts and pleasures, and devote some time to your nation. Let's deprive ourselves of some comforts. If you don't wake up and get busy soon, it may be TOO LATE!

BUY TEN PERCENT BONDS —
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Prepare Now for Holidays

Many Jewish boys in service will receive furloughs for the high-holy days, but not enough time to return home. You've already guessed what we're coming to. Its YOUR privilege to see that all Jewish boys who come to YOUR community are properly taken care of for these holidays. If you don't have an Army and Navy Committee, don't delay in forming one now, so that there can be coordination in placement, entertainment, etc. through one central agency. Prepare in advance a list of homes who are willing to take one or more soldiers; list the synagogues and temples (and make sure that a uniform will be the only ticket of admission required); arrange for entertainment, etc. and post notices at Railroad Stations, Jewish Community Centers, Police stations, Red Cross headquarters and other conspicuous places where your central committee can be reached. It may be a long time before most of these boys will be able to enjoy the Holidays again under present surroundings, so please do YOUR DUTY! Its the best way of ensuring a Happy New Year.

Your Old Copy

An Army chaplain writes that the Jewish men in Army hospitals ask for publications of Jewish interest. What do you do with your "Jewish Veteran" after you read it? Why not send it to the Jewish Chaplain at some Army camp, or to some soldier in service? Or send it direct to the library at any Army camp, or turn it over to the U.S.O., the Red Cross, or the J.W.B. It will be made to do double or triple duty—that's both morale work and salvage.

Write, but "Right"

There is no better service you can render for some boy in service than to write him regularly. However, you can do more harm than good if you do not write the "right" kind of letters. Certainly write him all the news of the home town and the family, but don't write him about financial reverses at home, of illness and misfortune, that his fiance was out with another man, etc. A soldier has much time to think, and if your letters inspire him with the wrong kind of thoughts, it is better that you do not write at all. Make your letters interesting and cheerful.

Service Records

Your attention is directed to the editorial on page 3 which is reprinted from the Lawrence (Mass.) "Bee." The Lawrence Jewish Community is to be commended for the fine patriotic record of its young men, and the editor of the "Bee" is to be commended for publishing that record and giving it to the world. No Nazi propaganda or anti-Semitism, pointed or subtle, can withstand the cold logic of such statistics. We do not doubt that other cities can establish a record of service in the last and in this war, equally as good. We don't believe in flaunting our patriotism, but neither should such records be hidden when false propaganda is being used ostensibly against Jewry, but really to disunite the American people. We would urge every city to gather the records and be prepared to properly use them, should the need arise.

Hostages

The only thing that the Nazis respect is force. They laugh at protests. Innocent civilian lives mean nothing to these brutes. It evidenced itself first in the bombing of undefended British cities. Did protests over the killing of women and children deter them? Not in the least. They stopped only when superior forces of Britons flew over Germany and bombed their cities. Now they take great pleasure in killing innocent "hostages" for alleged acts of sabotage. This has developed into one of the most inhuman phases of the war. Pres. Roosevelt has threatened reprisals on the guilty one "after the war." This will not deter these barbarians. They will stop only if the United Nations take similar measures against German nationals. There are within the United Nations hundreds of thousands of Germans, who are still loyal to their Fatherland. If we let the Nazis know that for every innocent Belgian, Dutch, French or Norwegian hostage they kill, a German "hostage" will be killed, we believe the "hostage-murders" will soon cease.

Five Grossmans Serve

The Grossmans of Pittsburgh have ten sons. Five are already in service, and the other five are on their way. It appears as though they will soon establish a national record for family service.

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